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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended December 31, 2009

Check here if Amendment []; Amendment Number:

This amendment (Check only one) : [] is a restatement
[] adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: The Adams Express Company
Address: 7 St. Paul Street, Suite 1140
Baltimore, MD 21202

Form 13F File Number: 28-597

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Christine M. Sloan
Title: Assistant Treasurer
Phone: (410) 752-5900

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Christine M. Sloan Baltimore, MD February 16, 2010

[Signature] [City, State] [Date]

Report Type (Check only one.):

- [X] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report).
- [] 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)
- [] 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are

reported by other reporting manager(s).)

Report Summary:

Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 77

Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$996,944
(in thousands)

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

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FREEPORT-MCMORAN COPP	COM	35671D857	8,832	110,000	SH	SOLE
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.	COM	369604103	22,513	1,488,000	SH	SOLE
GILEAD SCIENCES INC.	COM	375558103	8,656	200,000	SH	SOLE
GOOGLE INC.	COM	38259P508	12,400	20,000	SH	SOLE
HALLIBURTON CO.	COM	406216101	9,027	300,000	SH	SOLE
HANSEN NATURAL CORP.	COM	411310105	9,984	260,000	SH	SOLE
HARSCO CORP.	COM	415864107	9,991	310,000	SH	SOLE
HOSPIRA INC.	COM	441060100	11,475	225,000	SH	SOLE
ILLINOIS TOOL WKS INC	COM	452308109	11,998	250,000	SH	SOLE
INTEL CORP.	COM	458140100	17,136	840,000	SH	SOLE
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	COM	478160104	16,425	255,000	SH	SOLE
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.	COM	46625H100	18,752	450,000	SH	SOLE
LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC	COM	548661107	14,034	600,000	SH	SOLE
MASCO CORP.	COM	574599106	6,215	450,000	SH	SOLE
MCDONALD'S CORP.	COM	580135101	15,610	250,000	SH	SOLE
MDU RES GROUP INC.	COM	552690109	13,275	562,500	SH	SOLE
MEAD JOHNSON NUTRITION	COM CL A	582839106	5,130	117,383	SH	SOLE
MEDTRONIC, INC.	COM	585055106	15,393	350,000	SH	SOLE
MICROSOFT CORP.	COM	594918104	35,978	1,180,000	SH	SOLE
MORGAN STANLEY	COM	617446448	8,880	300,000	SH	SOLE
NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC	COM	651229106	6,004	400,000	SH	SOLE
NORTHEAST UTILITIES	COM	664397106	9,027	350,000	SH	SOLE
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	COM	667655104	9,008	200,000	SH	SOLE
ORACLE CORP.	COM	68389X105	26,994	1,100,000	SH	SOLE
OSHKOSH CORP.	COM	688239201	14,071	380,000	SH	SOLE
PEPSICO, INC.	COM	713448108	21,888	360,000	SH	SOLE
PETROLEUM & RESOURCES	COM	716549100	51,914	2,186,774	SH	SOLE
PFIZER INC	COM	717081103	18,465	1,015,125	SH	SOLE
PNC FINL SVCS GROUP	COM	693475105	14,253	270,000	SH	SOLE
POTASH CORP SASK INC	COM	73755L107	5,859	54,000	SH	SOLE
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO.	COM	742718109	19,098	315,000	SH	SOLE
PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL	COM	744320102	15,426	310,000	SH	SOLE
QUALCOMM INC.	COM	747525103	11,565	250,000	SH	SOLE
RYLAND GROUP INC.	COM	783764103	6,767	343,500	SH	SOLE
SAFEWAY INC.	COM	786514208	8,303	390,000	SH	SOLE
SENOMYX, INC.	COM	81724Q107	4,842	1,284,400	SH	SOLE
SPECTRA ENERGY CORP.	COM	847560109	8,323	405,780	SH	SOLE
SPIRIT AEROSYSTEMS HLDG	COM CL A	848574109	14,299	720,000	SH	SOLE
STATE STREET CORP.	COM	857477103	10,014	230,000	SH	SOLE
TARGET CORP.	COM	87612E106	15,478	320,000	SH	SOLE
TATA MTRS LTD.	SPON ADR	876568502	16,860	1,000,000	SH	SOLE
TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL INDSADR		881624209	18,539	330,000	SH	SOLE
TRANSOCEAN LTD.	REG SHS	H8817H100	13,248	160,000	SH	SOLE
UNILEVER PLC ADR	SPON ADR NEW	904767704	23,009	721,300	SH	SOLE
UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORP	COM	913017109	20,823	300,000	SH	SOLE
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP IN	COM	91324P102	4,267	140,000	SH	SOLE
VISA INC.	COM CL A	92826C839	16,617	190,000	SH	SOLE
WALT DISNEY CO.	COM	254687106	15,480	480,000	SH	SOLE
WELLS FARGO & CO.	COM	949746101	11,471	425,000	SH	SOLE
WGL HOLDINGS INC.	COM	92924F106	8,002	238,600	SH	SOLE
ZIMMER HOLDINGS, INC.	COM	98956P102	8,866	150,000	SH	SOLE
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